

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action states that the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 29, 2001, fails to comply with the rules because the references cited therein do not constitute prior art. In that Office Action, Applicant had submitted related applications for possible double patenting rejections, not for prior art reasons. Applicant notes that a non-statutory double patenting rejection has in fact been made with respect to one of these applications. Thus, Applicant presumes that these related patent applications have been considered with respect to double patenting.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 1 was provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of co-pending application Serial No. 09/737,639. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 of the present application as amended, is patentably distinct over the claims in 09/737,639. In particular, claim 1 as amended recites that the user provides input specifying a data source and a data target, and then the method automatically configures the GUI element to receive and display data from the specified data source and publish data associated with the GUI element to the specified data target. Applicant submits that this is a novel and unobvious feature that is not found in co-pending application Serial No. 09/737,639.

Section 103 Rejections

Various of the claims were rejected under §102 and 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,339,392 to Risberg et al and Risberg in combination with Nawaz. Applicant has amended various of the claims and believes that the present claims, as amended, are allowable over Risberg and/or Nawaz.

1. A method for configuring a graphical user interface (GUI) element to publish or subscribe to a data target or data source, respectively, the method comprising:

displaying the GUI element on a display;

receiving user input specifying a data source and a data target with which to associate the GUI element;

in response to said receiving user input, automatically configuring the GUI element to perform: 1) receiving and displaying data from the specified data source; and 2) publishing data associated with the GUI element to the specified data target.

Applicant submits that present claim 1 is allowable over Risberg and/or Nawaz, either singly or in combination. In present claim 1, the user provides input specifying both a data source and a data target with which to associate the GUI element, and the method then automatically configures the GUI element to receive and display data from the specified data source and publish data associated with the GUI element to the specified data target. The Risberg patent only teaches specification of data sources. The Nawaz reference refers generally to “posting messages”. However, with respect to prior claim 18 of the present application, and with respect to the amended claims herein, there is no teaching or suggestion to combine the references as proposed by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant submits that each of the present independent claims, and those dependent thereon, are allowable over the cited references.

New Claims

Applicant submits new claims 69-70 which are believed to be allowable over the art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-47600/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Check in the amount of \$ for fees ().
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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